

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.071, F.S.; providing a definition; providing an
 4 exemption from public records requirements for the
 5 personal identifying and location information of
 6 current or former medical examiners and the names and
 7 personal identifying and location information of the
 8 spouses and children of such medical examiners;
 9 providing for future legislative review and repeal of
 10 the exemption; providing for retroactive application;
 11 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
 12 an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
 17 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

18 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
 19 public records.—

20 (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

21 (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

22 a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which
 23 an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing
 24 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot
 25 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood

26 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive
 27 property information that may reveal the home address.

28 b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to
 29 the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

30 c. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,
 31 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone
 32 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal
 33 communications devices.

34 2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
 35 birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement
 36 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by
 37 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and
 38 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of
 39 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of
 40 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal
 41 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties
 42 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and
 43 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments
 44 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and
 45 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home
 46 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
 47 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
 48 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
 49 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
 50 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

51 Constitution.

52 b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
53 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
54 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties
55 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation
56 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal
57 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the
58 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
59 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
60 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
61 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
62 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
63 Constitution.

64 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
65 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
66 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of
67 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation
68 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state
69 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,
70 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
71 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
72 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
73 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
74 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

75 d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

76 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in
77 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone
78 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment
79 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names
80 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
81 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
82 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

83 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
84 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,
85 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and
86 county court judges, and of current judicial assistants; the
87 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
88 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
89 former justices and judges and of current judicial assistants;
90 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
91 attended by the children of current or former justices and
92 judges and of current judicial assistants are exempt from s.
93 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
94 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
95 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
96 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
97 reenactment by the Legislature.

98 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
99 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant
100 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide

101 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
102 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
103 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,
104 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant
105 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools
106 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or
107 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide
108 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from
109 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

110 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
111 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
112 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
113 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
114 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
115 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
116 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
117 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
118 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
119 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day
120 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,
121 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,
122 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative
123 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are
124 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
125 Constitution.

126 h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 127 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor
 128 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,
 129 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency
 130 or water management district whose duties include hiring and
 131 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or
 132 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,
 133 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
 134 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
 135 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
 136 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
 137 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

138 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 139 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;
 140 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 141 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such
 142 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
 143 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
 144 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
 145 Constitution.

146 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
 147 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
 148 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.820; the names, home
 149 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
 150 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the

151 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
 152 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
 153 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

154 k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 155 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation
 156 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention
 157 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile
 158 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention
 159 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,
 160 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,
 161 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor
 162 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior
 163 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation
 164 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of
 165 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
 166 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children
 167 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and
 168 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel
 169 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
 170 Constitution.

171 l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 172 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant
 173 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,
 174 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the
 175 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and

176 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
177 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal
178 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal
179 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations
180 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
181 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,
182 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant
183 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.
184 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

185 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
186 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors
187 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the
188 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
189 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current
190 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and
191 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
192 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors
193 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
194 Constitution.

195 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of
196 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,
197 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
198 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names
199 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
200 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and

201 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

202 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
203 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department
204 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination
205 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability
206 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed
207 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health
208 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the
209 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone
210 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses
211 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of
212 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such
213 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
214 the State Constitution.

215 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
216 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner
217 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former
218 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties
219 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to
220 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,
221 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
222 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;
223 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
224 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are
225 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

226 Constitution.

227 q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 228 and photographs of current or former emergency medical
 229 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the
 230 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
 231 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
 232 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and
 233 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
 234 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are
 235 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
 236 Constitution.

237 r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 238 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an
 239 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit
 240 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,
 241 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that
 242 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;
 243 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 244 and places of employment of spouses and children of such
 245 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
 246 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
 247 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
 248 Constitution.

249 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
 250 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,

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251 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction
252 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,
253 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
254 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
255 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
256 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
257 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this
258 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means
259 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed
260 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,
261 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed
262 service component described in s. 397.311(26).

263 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
264 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
265 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center
266 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the
267 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a
268 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties
269 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual
270 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation
271 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case
272 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
273 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
274 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the
275 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended

276 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.
277 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

278 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
279 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
280 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.
281 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the
282 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,
283 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates
284 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such
285 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
286 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
287 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
288 Constitution.

289 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
290 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators
291 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the
292 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
293 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
294 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations
295 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
296 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.
297 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
298 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
299 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
300 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through

301 reenactment by the Legislature.

302 w.(I) As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term "medical
 303 examiner" means any district medical examiner, associate medical
 304 examiner, or substitute medical examiner acting pursuant to
 305 chapter 406 and any employee, deputy, or agent of a medical
 306 examiner.

307 (II) The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
 308 birth, and photographs of current or former district medical
 309 examiners; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates
 310 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children
 311 of such current or former medical examiners; and the names and
 312 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
 313 children of such current or former medical examiners are exempt
 314 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
 315 Constitution.

316 (III) This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open
 317 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and
 318 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and
 319 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

320 3. An agency that is the custodian of the information
 321 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the
 322 officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in
 323 subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that
 324 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other
 325 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a

326 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption
327 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the
328 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and
329 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt
330 status.

331 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.
332 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.
333 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for
334 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must
335 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status
336 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page
337 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all
338 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser
339 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before
340 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax
341 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,
342 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may
343 not remove the street address, legal description, or other
344 information identifying real property within the agency's
345 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise
346 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is
347 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the
348 public records of the agency.

349 b. Any information restricted from public display,
350 inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be

351 provided to the individual whose information was removed.

352 5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other
353 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request
354 for the release of his or her exempt information to the
355 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must
356 specify the information to be released and the party authorized
357 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,
358 the custodial agency must release the specified information to
359 the party authorized to receive such information.

360 6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information
361 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the
362 exemption.

363 7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be
364 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized
365 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.
366 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as
367 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney
368 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing
369 with The Florida Bar.

370 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the
371 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a
372 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon
373 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such
374 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home
375 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party

376 must submit a written request to release the removed information
377 to the county recorder. The written request to release the
378 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a
379 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a
380 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the
381 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's
382 file number for each document containing the information to be
383 released.

384 9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a
385 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party
386 can request the county recorder to release a protected
387 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request
388 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the
389 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise
390 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to
391 release the removed information upon the death of a protected
392 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or
393 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for
394 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must
395 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument
396 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the
397 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the
398 release of any document pursuant to such request.

399 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
400 paragraph, this paragraph is subject to the Open Government

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401 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
402 repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from
403 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

404 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
405 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
406 birth, and photographs of current or former medical examiners;
407 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
408 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such
409 current or former medical examiners; and the names and locations
410 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
411 such current or former medical examiners be made exempt from s.
412 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
413 State Constitution. The Legislature finds that the release of
414 such personal identifying and location information poses
415 potential security risks for and allows unwarranted intrusion
416 into the private lives of such current or former medical
417 examiners and their family members. Public availability of such
418 personal identifying and location information may compromise the
419 ability of such current or former medical examiners to carry out
420 their public duties and disrupt the operation of the district
421 medical examiner's office. The exemption of such personal
422 identifying and location information from public records
423 requirements is necessary to protect the personal privacy and
424 safety of these public servants and their families. The
425 Legislature finds that the harm that may result from the release

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426 | of such personal identifying and location information outweighs
427 | any public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of
428 | the information.

429 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.